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TOPIC Dessau Airfield

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REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

1. Between 21 and 23 October 1950 the Dessau (U 52/E 06) airfield was occupied by about 50 jet aircraft of two types. (1) One type plane had swept-back wings and a high-set elevator assembly. (2) The other type plane had conventional wings. (3) There was no flying at the field, although the weather was favorable. (4)
2. A mobile radio station with a braced mast 8 to 10 meters high was in the northeastern corner of the field. Only the administration buildings of the former Otto Mader Plant, south of the field, were reconstructed. The airfield personnel were quartered there.

25X1A Comments.

- (1) Previous observations indicated that one fighter regiment was stationed at the airfield. 25X1A

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Only a few conventional fighters have been observed at the field since August 1950; a maximum of seven planes was seen in late August 1950. 25X1A The number of jet planes simultaneously stationed at the field did not exceed 24. This fact may indicate that the transfer of conventional fighters was conducted more rapidly than jet fighters could be delivered, and that the shortage of jet planes has now been filled. Since source reported for the first time, it remains to be seen whether the large number of jet aircraft reported is correct.

- (2) The jet fighters with swept-back wings are Mig-15s.
- (3) The type jet fighters with straight wings cannot be determined from the scanty description, but are probably type 16 planes. Seven type 16 jet planes were last observed at the field on 25 August 1950.

- (4) 25X1A Another source also reported that there was no flying at the field during the same period of observation. See Annex for sketch of airfield drawn by source.

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